

October 25, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Chairman, Wickenburg

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 31, 2000 - 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Stuart Boggs at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2000</u>	2. Approve minutes of October 6, 2000.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	
4. <u>Transportation Management Report</u>	

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information.

CONSENT AGENDA

*6. Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot program (TCSP)

As notified at the last meeting, the deadline for submitting requests for TCSP grants for review and concurrence by MAG was **October 20, 2000**. To date, three applications have been submitted, one from Glendale, one from RPTA and one from MAG staff. The TRC will be asked to review these requests and provide concurrence, as appropriate. Please see Attachment One for further information.

*7. MAG Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction - FY 2001 Update

The MAG Specifications and Details Committee has completed its review of proposed FY 2001 revisions to the FY 1998 edition of the MAG Specifications and Details for Public Works Construction. A summary of all of these revisions has been mailed to MAG Public Works Directors and to members of the MAG Management Committee for review and comment for a period of one month and is included as Attachment Two. Following this review, if no objections are received, the proposed revisions will be regarded as approved and publication and sale of the final document will proceed. Resolution of any objections will be sought by the co-chairs of the Specifications and Details

6. For information, discussion and possible recommendation for MAG concurrence with the projects submitted for TCSP Funding.

7. For information and discussion.

Committee. It is anticipated that the annual update package is expected to be available for purchase in early January, 2001.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

8. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

8. For information.

MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program. The status of the FY 2001-2007 Life Cycle Program will be reviewed.

9. Finalization of the 1998 MAG Congestion Study

9. For information and discussion.

A regional congestion study was conducted by MAG during 1998. A database with information from 2000 traffic counts and 50,000 aerial photographs of traffic was produced along with a report and an interactive presentation. This data was used to quantify the congestion on 190 miles of freeway and at 700 major intersections. This information is being used in the MAG planning process as a base for regional studies, to calibrate the MAG transportation models, and traffic engineering studies. An executive summary is provided to members as Attachment Three, and the full report and data are available upon request.

10. Institutional Framework for Coordinating ITS in the MAG Region

10. For discussion and approval of the recommended institutional framework for coordinating ITS in the MAG Region.

The MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee is currently finalizing an update of the region's ITS Strategic Plan. This plan will serve as the roadmap for future planning, implementation and operation of advanced technology based regional transportation solutions. One of the essential tasks in the strategic planning process involves the development of a Regional ITS Architecture. This architecture was

developed to be compatible with the National ITS Architecture. The establishment of a Regional ITS Architecture that is consistent with the National ITS Architecture (already established) is likely to become a federal requirement. A proposed USDOT rulemaking on this subject closed for comments recently. One layer of the Regional ITS Architecture defines the institutional framework for coordinating ITS in a region. It describes how ITS is planned, built and operated and the roles played by regional stakeholders. The ITS Committee has had extensive discussions on this subject over the past eight months and have developed a recommendation for this layer of the regional architecture. Attachment Four depicts the recommended institutional framework for coordinating ITS in the MAG region. The planning functions to be performed by the MAG ITS Committee and the operational functions to be performed by the regional AZTech consortium are described in Attachment Five.

11. Recommendation of Projects for CMAQ Funding in FY 2006 of the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

It is currently estimated that \$35 million will be available in CMAQ funds for programming non-freeway projects in FY 2006. This figure includes a projected growth in the FY 2006 apportionment and an expected amount of Revenue Aligned Budget Authority (RABA). To date, 88 CMAQ eligible project requests have been received, totaling \$178 million, and have been scored through the CMS and CMAQ scores by MAG staff. MAG Modal Committees have considered the projects and have provided their recommendations. A listing of all CMAQ eligible projects, with modal committee rankings is provided

11. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend projects for CMAQ funding in FY 2006 of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

as Attachment Six, and a Draft Staff recommendation will be forwarded to members prior to the meeting.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room. Also, a list of Tentative Transportation Review Committee FY 2001 meeting dates is shown as Attachment Seven.

12. For information and discussion.